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1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

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DETAILED ACTION

 This action is responsive to communications: Request for continued examination filed 9/4/2009 and Information disclosure statements filed on 9/4/2009 and 10/26/2009.

2. Claims 12-16, 20-27, and 31-43 are pending in this case. Claims 12, 20, 24, 31,

37, 41, and 42 are independent claims. Claims 12, 14-16, 20, 23-26, and 31 have been

amended. Claims 17-19 and 28-30 have been cancelled. Claims 34-43 have been

newly added.

3. The objection of claims 12, 20, and 31 has been withdrawn in view of the

amendments.

4. The rejection of claims 12-16, 20-27, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first

paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for , does not reasonably

provide enablement for generating and transmitting print files and prompting the user

without any further user interaction after the request to print. The specification does not

enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly

connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims

has been withdrawn in view of the amendments.

5. The rejection of claims 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being

indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which

applicant regards as the invention has been withdrawn in view of the amendments.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

 Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tonkin (US Patent Number 6.134.568, filed October 30, 1998).

Regarding dependent claim 41, Tonkin discloses a preview area for displaying a preview of a configured copy of a document wherein the preview is based on a print file and configuration information for the document which includes at least one printing option and defines how to assemble a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). Tonkin discloses a navigation area that enables a user to select a portion of the preview displayed in the preview area, and a estimate area for displaying the price estimate for the configured copy based on the print file and configuration information (column 12, line 23-column 13, line 51 of Tonkin).

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Tonkin also discloses a configuration area which allows the user to alter the configuration information, which is automatically reflected in the preview of the document (column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
- Claims 37, 38, and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adamske et al. (US Patent Number 6,615,234, filed on May 11, 1999).

Regarding independent claim 37, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file by requesting to generate it which is identified by a unique identifier (the file name) and uploads it to a server or a print file may be generated on a server based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface (configuration graphical user interface) provides a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information including finishing and binding options that define how to assemble the printed copies (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). A plurality of copies are printed and assembled in

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accordance with the configuration information (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 56 of Adamske).

Regarding independent claim 38, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file by requesting to generate it which is identified by a unique identifier (the file name) and uploads it to a server or a print file may be generated on a server based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface (configuration graphical user interface) provides a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information including finishing and binding options that define how to assemble the printed copies (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). A plurality of copies are printed and assembled in accordance with the configuration information (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 56 of Adamske).

Regarding dependent claim 40, Adamske discloses a method in which a print drive is installed on the client in order to generate the print file (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a print driver is installed on the client and a print file is generated using the print driver, at which point the print file is uploaded to the server (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which the print driver necessary is automatically selected (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not disclose

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a method in which the print driver is listed. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have allowed to have listed the print driver of Adamske because it would have allowed the user to see the format type the print file would be in.

Claims 12-16, 20-27, 31-36, 39, 42 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adamske et al. (US Patent Number 6,615,234, filed on May 11, 1999) in view of Tonkin (US Patent Number 6,134,568, filed October 30, 1998).

Regarding independent claim 12 and dependent claims 32 and 33, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The user then uploads the print file to the server, this print file (PostScript) being capable of being directly printed by a printer (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface (configuration wizard) is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6, line 58-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not directly disclose in this embodiment that a preview is generated by the server and provided to the user based on the print file

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that was uploaded. However, Adamske discloses an alternate method in which the server generates a preview based on the print file and the configuration information and provides that preview to the user for display at the client device (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the two methods of Adamske because it would have allowed the client system to do less work in the process.

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding (bound copy) options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

Regarding dependent claim 13, Adamske discloses a method in which a print driver is installed on the client in order to generate the print file (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske).

Regarding dependent claim 14, Adamske discloses a method in which a print driver is installed on the client and a print file is generated using the print driver, at which point the print file is uploaded to the server (column 5. line 64-column 7. line 15 of

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Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which the print driver necessary is automatically selected (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not disclose a method in which the print driver is listed. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have allowed to have listed the print driver of Adamske because it would have allowed the user to see the format type the print file would be in.

Regarding dependent claim 15, Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske).

Regarding dependent claim 16, Adamske discloses a method in which styles and printing options for the document are obtained and shown via the preview, which is then provided to the client (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 56 of Adamske).

Regarding independent claim 20 and dependent claims 21-23, the claims incorporate substantially similar subject matter as claims 12-15. Thus, the claims are rejected along the same rationale as claims 12-15.

Regarding independent claim 24, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The user then uploads the print file to the server, this print file (PostScript) being capable of being directly

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printed by a printer (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information including finishing and binding options that define how to assemble the printed copies (column 7. lines 16-56 of Adamske). Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6, line 58column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). A plurality of copies are printed and assembled in accordance with the configuration information (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 56 of Adamske). Adamske does not directly disclose in this embodiment that a preview is generated by the server and provided to the user based on the print file that was uploaded. However, Adamske discloses an alternate method in which the server generates a preview based on the print file and the configuration information and provides that preview to the user for display at the client device (column 5, line 64column 7, line 15 of Adamske). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the two methods of Adamske because it would have allowed the client system to do less work in the process.

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding (bound copy) options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which

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includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

Regarding dependent claim 25, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file and uploads it to a server or a print file may be generated on a server based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). A plurality of copies is printed in accordance with a plurality of addresses that are obtained from the user (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). A coversheet and shipping label (memo) is customized for each address and recipient is printed; at point all parts are delivered to the delivery addresses provided by the client (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske).

Regarding dependent claim 26, Adamske discloses a method in which payment information is obtained for the copy and the payment is processed using that information (column 6, line 58-column 7, line 15 of Adamske).

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Regarding dependent claim 27, Adamske discloses a method in which the print driver generates the print file and an upload manager communicates the file to the server (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske).

Regarding independent claim 31. Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The user then uploads the print file to the server, this print file (PostScript) being capable of being directly printed by a printer (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface (configuration wizard) is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6, line 58-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not directly disclose in this embodiment that a preview is generated by the server and provided to the user based on the print file that was uploaded. However, Adamske discloses an alternate method in which the server generates a preview based on the print file and the configuration information and provides that preview to the user for display at the client device (column 5, line 64column 7, line 15 of Adamske). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in

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the art to combine the two methods of Adamske because it would have allowed the client system to do less work in the process.

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding (bound copy) options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

Regarding dependent claim 34, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The user then uploads the print file to the server, this print file (PostScript) being capable of being directly printed by a printer (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface (configuration wizard) is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of

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Adamske). Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6, line 58-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not directly disclose in this embodiment that a preview is generated by the server and provided to the user based on the print file that was uploaded. However, Adamske discloses an alternate method in which the server generates a preview based on the print file and the configuration information and provides that preview to the user for display at the client device (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the two methods of Adamske because it would have allowed the client system to do less work in the process.

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding (bound copy) options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

Regarding dependent claim 35, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file based on a document and a

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print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The user then uploads the print file to the server, this print file (PostScript) being capable of being directly printed by a printer (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information including finishing and binding options that define how to assemble the printed copies (column 7. lines 16-56 of Adamske). Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6. line 58column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). A plurality of copies are printed and assembled in accordance with the configuration information (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 56 of Adamske). Adamske does not directly disclose in this embodiment that a preview is generated by the server and provided to the user based on the print file that was uploaded. However, Adamske discloses an alternate method in which the server generates a preview based on the print file and the configuration information and provides that preview to the user for display at the client device (column 5, line 64column 7, line 15 of Adamske). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the two methods of Adamske because it would have allowed the client system to do less work in the process.

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding

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(bound copy) options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

Regarding dependent claim 36, Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6, line 58-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske).

Regarding dependent claim 39, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file and uploads it to a server or a print file may be generated on a server based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske also discloses a method in which a user interface is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). Adamske also discloses

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a method in which styles and printing options for the document are obtained and shown via the preview, which is then provided to the client (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske).

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

Regarding independent claim 42, Adamske discloses a method in which a user uses software on a client device to generate a print file based on a document and a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). The user then uploads the print file to the server, this print file (PostScript) being capable of being directly printed by a printer (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske discloses a method in which a user interface (configuration wizard) is generated that may be web based (on the server) (column 2, lines 4-60 of Adamske). The interface provides a preview section and a printing options section that allows a user to provide configuration information (i.e. style options) (column 7, lines 16-56 of Adamske). The interface is provided to the user via the Internet for display (column 2, lines 4-60 of

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Adamske). Adamske discloses that the user is prompted to both configure and preview the copy of the document in the browser (column 6, line 58-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not directly disclose in this embodiment that a preview is generated by the server and provided to the user based on the print file that was uploaded. However, Adamske discloses an alternate method in which the server generates a preview based on the print file and the configuration information and provides that preview to the user for display at the client device (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the two methods of Adamske because it would have allowed the client system to do less work in the process.

Additionally, Adamske does not explicitly disclose that the configuration information obtained before the preview is generated contains finishing and binding (bound copy) options which the preview is based on. However, Tonkin discloses that a print preview of a document is generated based on configuration information which includes binding and finishing options for a printed copy of the document (column 2, lines 24-61 and column 7, lines 11-46 of Tonkin). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske with the teachings of Tonkin because it would have allowed a review of what the fully assembled document would like to help avoid any miscommunications between the author and the assembler.

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11. Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adamske et al. (US Patent Number 6,615,234, filed on May 11, 1999) in view of Tonkin (US Patent Number 6,134,568, filed October 30, 1998), further in view of Konica Minolta (hereinafter KM, " QMS Printing Notes for Windows Applications," published June 20, 1995).

Regarding dependent claim 43, Adamske discloses a method in which the document may be generated on the client and obtained from the client based on a program installed on a client including a print driver (column 5, line 64-column 7, line 15 of Adamske). Adamske does not explicitly disclose that an entry is added to a list of available printers for the clients in response to installing the print driver program. However, KM discloses the notoriously well-known teaching that when a print driver (like the PostScript driver found in the program of Adamske) is installed an entry is added to a list of available (installed printers) for the client (page 2, items "6." and "7." of KM). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Adamske and Tonkin with the notoriously well known teachings of KM because it would have allowed users to easily access previously installed printers.

Response to Arguments

 Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 12-16, 20-27, and 31-43 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSHUA D. CAMPBELL whose telephone number is (571)272-4133. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 AM - 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Joshua D Campbell/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2178 November 10, 2009